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NARRATIVE:

Our seventh grade class had the wonderful opportunity to study with one of the head rabbis at BJ in a two-session program this semester. The study revolved around the all-important and profoundly challenging question: “Do you believe in G-d?” In the first lesson, students were asked to record their personal responses to this question. In the follow-up lesson, students worked in small groups to read and discuss bits of rabbinic commentary that dealt with the question of G-d’s existence.

My noticing tool for this class has been **journaling**, and in this exercise students responded to the prompt in their journals. They were given a significant amount of time (roughly half an hour) to think and write, and many shared their written responses aloud at the end of the class, which stimulated a very vibrant discussion.